

COVID-19 Community Coordinators Vaccination Events and Comprehensive Health Recovery Initiative Review Process Summary

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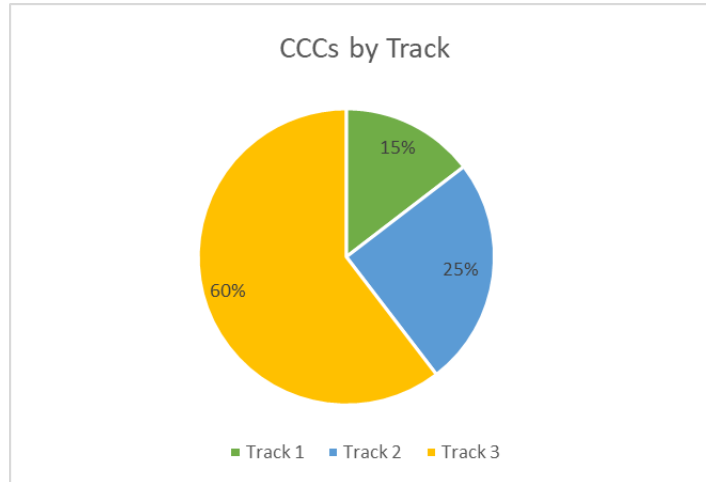
On February 1, 2022, The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) released the Request for Proposals for organizations and Tribes to serve as COVID-19 Community Coordinators (CCCs) that will increase the vaccination rates and improve the health of communities most disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including but not limited to: African American, African immigrant, American Indian, Asian American – Pacific Islander, Latinx, LGBTQ+ , new immigrants and persons with disabilities. Applicants were asked to choose one of three tracks:

- **Track 1: Vaccination Events** - CCCs work with State and local emergency preparedness staff, clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), epidemiologists, and local and tribal public health to promote understanding of the importance of COVID-19 vaccinations and hosting of multiple COVID-19 vaccination events by incorporating community engagement strategies.
- **Track 2: Comprehensive Health Recovery** - The needs of communities to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic extend beyond immediate physical health concerns to include social determinants of health (SDOH) and other elements that may not be explicitly listed as SDOH. CCCs will help advance health equity by creating the community program resource(s) needed to address these broader needs and by advocating for resources to address systemic needs that are not adequately met by existing resources.
- **Track 3: A combination of Track 1 and Track 2**

The grant application period closed on March 21, 2022. The review process included more than 50 reviewers, including community leaders, as well as representatives from local governments, and state staff. MDH made final funding decisions in May of 2022 based upon these community recommendations and all applicants were notified of their status.

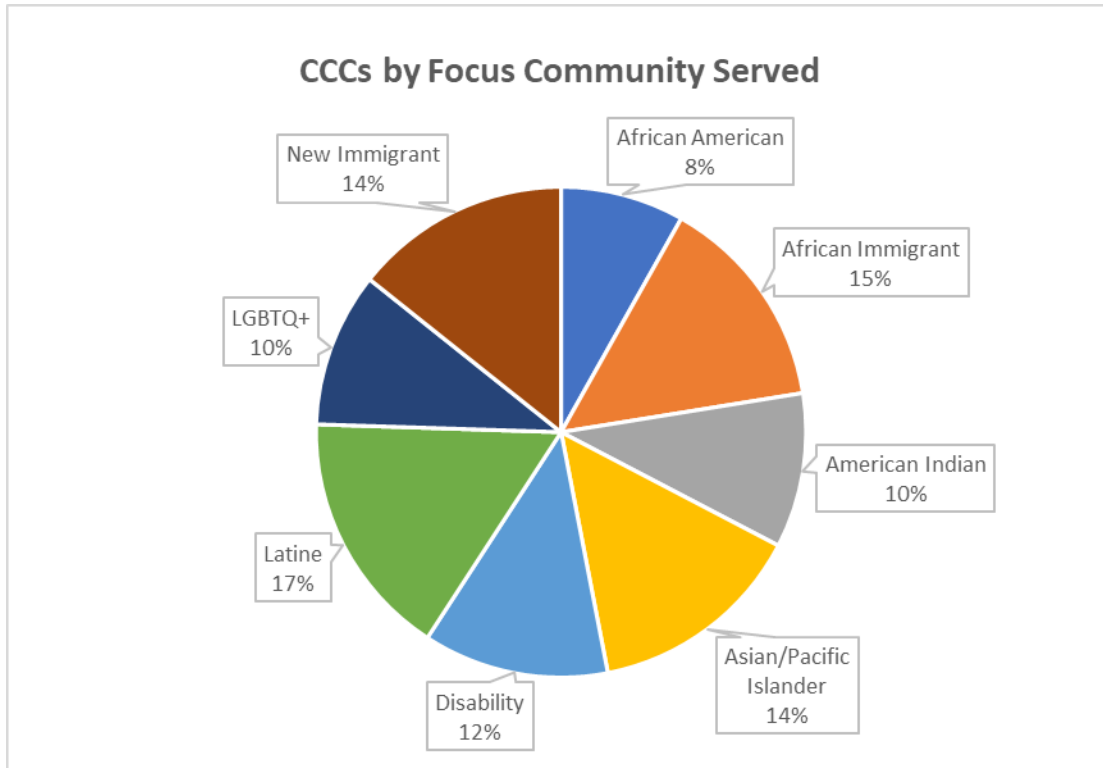
Applicants

MDH received 100 complete applications. 20 applied for Track 1, 37 applied for Track 2, and 43 applied for Track 3. Out of 100 applicants, 48 were selected for funding. The graph below shows the spread of the CCCs by track.



Focus Community

The graph below shows the breakdown of CCCs by the community they serve.



Review Process

The review process included more than 50 reviewers, including community leaders, as well as representatives from local governments, and state staff. Reviewers were divided into 3 groups based on the designated tracks. Review groups assessed strengths of each application, the potential of growth and ranked their group of applications in terms of recommendation for

funding. These rankings and notes were then reviewed by a team comprised of MDH leadership and CCC staff. This team focused on ensuring there was an equitable distribution of CCCs by focus community, track and geographical location. 48 applicants were selected to be CCCs.

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